

What The Bible Says About ---

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What The Bible Says About - THE FALL OF BABYLON AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ANTICHRIST

The hideous attack on innocent people in Paris last week, leaving 129 dead (at last count) was launched by ISIS, a demonic arm of Islam. Babylon! The fall of the Babylonian Empire (Islam) is at hand as is the coming of Antichrist and his destruction. I will give you reasons - historical and scriptural (which merge, by the way) about this evil emperor who would rule the world. While I do not know his name, at this point, I believe his title is clear and I will spend time with that issue tonight.

I want to clarify that not all Muslims share the radical beliefs of ISIS, Hezbollah, and other groups within Islam. Some (not all) of our missionaries are reporting great spiritual breakthroughs in reaching them with the Gospel. So let us be clear this is not a rant against people. However, it is a declaration of the evil intent of Muhammad's most radical followers, bent on the destruction of democracy and the Gospel.

The saga of Babylon began after the Great Flood of Noah's time. God had instructed the survivors to spread across the known earth and populate it over time. However, the people decided to "hunker" down in one place in total defiance to God's purpose:

Genesis 11:1-9 (New American Standard)

Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. [2] And it came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar (Babylon) and settled there. [3] And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. [4] And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." [5] And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. [6] And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. [7] "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." [8] So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. [9] Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused

1 **the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad**
2 **over the face of the whole earth.**

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4 The sin of these early Babylonians was to dominate the world and their own destiny
5 apart from God's directives. Their actions were born out of their man-centered
6 organizational ability. Their pride and rebellion against God was paramount. Out of
7 this was spawned idolatry, sorcery and astrology. As a result, God gave them up to the
8 impurity of their hearts.

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10 Through the centuries Babylonian enmity against God has been clearly defined. From
11 Nimrod and his early tower of rebellion, through King Nebuchadnezzar and his
12 devastation of Jerusalem, through Muhammad and the rise of Islam, Babylon has stood
13 against God.

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15 Following the Rapture of the Church, Babylon will be known for two entities: a phony
16 economic system that will vanish within a day's time, and a false religious system that
17 will be the scourge of the Earth (a system I believe is Islam).

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19 Since I was a boy I have heard it preached that the harlot church - or world system
20 church - would be the Roman Catholics. I have not been able to make that connection
21 personally. Even though I disagree with so much of the "theology" taught by RC
22 churches, it has not been that group that has thrown out the Virgin Birth of Jesus, His
23 death on the Cross, and some of the basics of historic Christianity. A cold and pagan
24 world Protestant church has done that nefarious activity. But it is Islam that has
25 repudiated Christ and His Word at every turn of the road, literally blaspheming Christ
26 and the Bible. As we shall see in our study tonight, Islam stands violently against
27 Christ and His authority on Earth. Now this religion of darkness has curled over the
28 Middle East and great parts of Europe like a malevolent shadow. Even some cities in
29 the United States are falling prey to it. In place after place, Muslim minarets scolding
30 the city skylines.

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32 A brief review on Muhammad and the start of Islam:

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34 Muhammad (spelled several ways) died in 632 A.D. in his early 60's. In his short
35 career he had united countless wild and unrestrained tribes of Arabia under his
36 leadership. At age 25, Muhammed was hired by a wealthy widow named Cadija to
37 manage her caravan to and from the city of Bosra (near the border of then-Palestine).
38 The young driver was good at his work and before long the widow offered her hand in
39 marriage to him. So Muhammad became the owner of a camel caravan and soon
40 accumulated great wealth. In his travels he became an astute observer of life around

1 him.

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3 It was his conclusion that there was but one God, not many of them as other tribesmen
4 believed. He appears to have had a growing revulsion to the paganism of his tribe and
5 especially to the many deities they worshiped. His wife accepted her husband's beliefs
6 and was able to finance them well. It was not long before Muhammad declared himself
7 as God's prophet, greater even than Moses or Jesus. He claimed he had started
8 receiving revelations and wrote them in a book which we know as the Koran.

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10 In only 15 years, the Muslims conquered most of their known world - not by reason or
11 logic but by sheer force. This set the scene for the famed and bloody crusades which
12 followed.

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Note to history buffs: One of the reasons for such a swift escalation of this religious fervor was the degenerate and disorderly period of world history in the sixth century. Persia's influence had waned. Rome was no longer the mistress of the world and was eaten up with inner decay. Invading hordes of barbarians kept Rome on the defensive so much so that she could not long stand, and her web of power decayed and crumbled. That left two world factions - the East and the West. Western Europe could not rise to the challenge anymore and the east soon saw its Byzantine sun sink into the sea of oblivion. That left an horrendous power vacuum that would soon be filled by Islam.

14 Muhammad's successors such as Khalid, Abu Bekr and Omar more than adequately
15 filled the leadership mantle. It was Omar who decreed that a mosque should be built on
16 the Temple site where Solomon and Herod had built their great temples for God. His
17 armies then pushed westward to Gaza, then to Egypt and Alexandria. From there the
18 Muslims conquered North Africa and by 711 AD had even reached Spain. These
19 episodes led to the dark ages, the Middle Ages where tyranny, ignorance, superstition
20 and degradation were the gifts of Islam to humanity.

21 Islam and Christianity Ingloriously Linked

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24 The word "eschatology" comes into play here. It means the insight into the future,
25 primarily by God's Word. It seems to write this here, but Islam is a knock-off of
26 Christianity. How so? First let me clarify that we are different as east from west;
27 however, there are several strange similarities. Both Islam and Christianity are
28 monotheistic - which just means we believe in ONE GOD. But - But! - Islamic
29 concepts of God whom they call Allah have no connection whatsoever to the God of

1 Christianity. There is a world of theological difference. And it comes as a shock to
2 some Christians that Muslims believe in Jesus - but only in a very inferior way. To
3 them, Jesus is a prophet. They do not believe that Jesus actually died on the cross so
4 therefore He did not rise from grave, which invalidates Him from being our Savior.
5 They do believe Jesus is coming back - but wait til you hear their blasphemous concepts
6 of that return! Both the Koran (the scripture of Islam) and the Hadith the reported
7 actual sayings of Mohammed although compiled several hundred years after his death,
8 and sacred primarily to the Sunni group within Islam, teach that Jesus was only a man.
9 When He died He was taken to Heaven like Elijah where He now awaits the command of
10 Allah to return. Why would any Muslim want Jesus to return? First of all remember
11 that their concept of Jesus is a fairy tale. They want Him to return to Earth so He can
12 correct all the Christians and show them how wrong they have been all along. When He
13 DOES return, He will marry, have children, and die where He will be buried next to
14 Muhammad.

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16 But Jesus is far from the main character in Islamic teaching. Remember that Jesus is
17 considered "only" a man. Their Messiah is the MAHDI!

18 19 THE MAHDI (Pronounced: MAH-DEE)

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21 This scenario, fervently believed by the rank and file Muslim, is astounding. The
22 Muslim Mahdi - or the 12th Imam - will come to Earth to slaughter anyone and everyone
23 who does not believe in or worship Allah. These "wretched creatures" are called "dogs
24 and pigs". For many reasons I believe this:

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26 **THE MAHDI IS THE MUSLIM SAVIOR AND, THUS, THE ANTICHRIST!**

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28 Let's take a good look:

29 30 ANTICHRIST AND THE MAHDI BOTH HAVE BIG MOUTHS!

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32 The Biblical Antichrist: Will be a leader who has the ability to speak boldly. Daniel
33 7:7-8 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast,
34 dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It
35 devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was
36 different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. [8] "While I
37 was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among
38 them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold,
39 this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great boasts.

1 Rev. 13:5

2 **And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies;**
3 **and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.**

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5 The Mahdi: Will be a leader who has the ability to speak boldly. *"He will be so*
6 *powerful that if he....shouts among the mountains, hard rocks will turn into powder.'*
7 Bihar al-Anwar / Vol. 52/ p 32

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9 ANTICHRIST AND THE MAHDI HAVE HUGE ARMIES

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11 The Biblical Antichrist will have a powerful army that will do damage to the earth,
12 ultimately causing all to follow him. Rev. 13:4-8 ... and they worshiped the dragon,
13 because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying,
14 "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" [5] And there was
15 given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to
16 act for forty-two months was given to him. [6] And he opened his mouth in
17 blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those
18 who dwell in heaven. [7] And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to
19 overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation
20 was given to him. [8] And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone
21 whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of
22 life of the Lamb who has been slain.

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24 The Mahdi:will also have a powerful army that will do damage finally causing all to
25 follow him. *Mahdi will receive a pledge of allegiance as a caliph (Islamic ruler who*
26 *rules over a caliphate - an area) for Muslims. He will lead the Muslims in many battles*
27 *of jihad.* Absuirahman Kefani / The Last Apocalypse, An Islamic Perceptive

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29 ANTICHRIST AND THE FALSE PROPHET

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31 The Biblical Antichrist will be accompanied by the false prophet who will lead people
32 into serving him. Rev. 19:20 **And the beast was seized, and with him the false**
33 **prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who**
34 **had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two**
35 **were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.**

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37 The Muslim Antichrist (the Muslim Jesus not to be confused with the Christian Jesus)
38 will return to help the Mahdi get accepted by the world. *The Hour will not be*
39 *established until the SON OF MARY (i.e. Jesus) descends amongst you as a just ruler.*
40 *He will break the cross (destroy all churches), kill the pigs, and abolish the Jizya tax*

1 (that is, the tax on all non-Muslims, which to Muslims is no big deal since there will be
2 no Muslims after Jesus “kills all the pigs”). *Money will be in abundance so that nobody*
3 *will accept it except as charitable gifts.* Sahih al-Bukhart / Vol. 3, book 43
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5 ANTICHRIST AND THE SEVEN YEARS ON EARTH

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7 The Biblical Antichrist will be a world leader and rule for seven years. Daniel 9:27

8 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the
9 middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the
10 wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete
11 destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."
12 *In prophetic scripture, a week is seven years.*

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14 Rev. 13:7 **And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome**
15 **them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given**
16 **to him.**

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18 The Muslim Antichrist will be a world leader and rule for seven years. *The*
19 *Mahdi...will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and*
20 *tyranny, and he will rule for seven years.* Sunan Au Dawud / Book 36 / Number 4272

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22 *Fight against the forces of evil, lead a world revolution and set up a new world order.*
23 Ayatullah Bair al-Sadr and Aatullah Muratda Mutahhari / The Awaited Savior / Islamic
24 Karachi Seminary Publ.

25 CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY ANTICHRIST

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28 The Biblical Antichrist will change times and laws. Daniel 7:25

29 'And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest
30 One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given
31 into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

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33 The Islamic Mahdi will more than likely adot the Islamic calendar, thus changing the
34 times. In addition he will promote Shariah law, changing the law. Junan Au Dawud /
35 Book 36 / Number 4273

36 ANTICHRIST AND THE WHITE HORSE

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39 The Biblical Antichrist will arrive on a white horse. Rev. 6:2 **And I looked, and**
40 **behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to**

1 **him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.**

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3 The Mahdi comes riding on a white horse. *It is clear that this man is the Mahdi who*
4 *ride the white horse and judge by the Koran with justice and with whom will be men with*
5 *marks of prostration on their foreheads.* Izzat and Arif

7 ANTICHRIST PROMOTES ONE GLOBAL RELIGION

8
9 The Biblical Antichrist and false prophet will promote a one world religion. Rev. 13:15

10 **And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the**
11 **image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image**
12 **of the beast to be killed.**

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14 The Mahdi will make Islam the only acceptable religion. *He will govern the people by*
15 *the Sunnah of their prophet and establish Islam on the earth.* Abu Duwad / Book 36 /
16 Number 4273

18 ANTICHRIST AND THE DEATH PENALTY

19
20 The Biblical Antichrist will execute infidels through beheading. Rev. 20:4

21 **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them.**
22 **And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of**
23 **Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast**
24 **or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their**
25 **hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

26
27 The Mahdi will kill anyone who opposes Islam. He will kill the Jews and the
28 Christians. *Muslims take neither Jews nor the Christians for your friends. They are*
29 *friends with one another. Whoever of you seeks their friendship shall become one of*
30 *their numbers. Allah does not guide wrongdoing.* Surah 5:51
31 *Slay the idolaters wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them, and lie in ambush*
32 *for them.* Surah 9:73

34 ANTICHRIST AND JERUSALEM

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36 The Biblical Antichrist will attack and conquer Jerusalem. Zech. 14:2

37 **For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be**
38 **captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but**
39 **the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.**

1 The Mahdi will conquer Jerusalem. *Jerusalem will be the location of the rightly*
2 *guided caliphate and the center of Islamic rule, which will be headed by Imam al-Mahdi.*
3 *Sahih Buslim / Book 042 / Number 6985*
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5 THE ANTICHRIST AND SIGNS AND WONDERS

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7 The Biblical Antichrist will perform many signs, wonders and miracles. 2 Thes. 2:8-9

8 **And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the**
9 **breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; [9] that**
10 **is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and**
11 **signs and false wonders,**

12 *Rev. 13:13-14*

13 **And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven**
14 **to the earth in the presence of men. [14] And he deceives those who dwell on the**
15 **earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the**
16 **beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had**
17 **the wound of the sword and has come to life.**

18
19 The Mahdi performs many signs, wonders and miracles. *In the last days of my Ummah*
20 *(universal Islamic community) the Mahdi will appear. Allah will give him power over*
21 *the wind and the rain and the earth will bring forth its foliage. He will give away*
22 *wealth profusely, flocks will be in abundance, and the Ummah will be large and*
23 *honored. Sahih Hakim Mustadrak*
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25 ANTICHRIST AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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27 The Biblical Antichrist will make people receive a mark on the hand or forehead to
28 pledge allegiance to him. Rev. 13:16-17 **And he causes all, the small and the great,**
29 **and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on**
30 **their right hand, or on their forehead, [17] and he provides that no one should be**
31 **able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast**
32 **or the number of his name.**

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34 Followers of the Mahdi usually mark themselves with headbands on the foreheads.
35 *Muslims receive "bismillah" in the name of Allah; unbelievers receive "bismilkafir" in*
36 *the name of unbelievers.*
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38 **THE BIBLE'S ANTICHRIST IS THE MUSLIM'S MAHDI. The Bible's**
39 **antichrist is Islam's Savior!**
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1 REVELATION 13 TEACHES THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST AND HIS
2 HENCHMAN, THE FALSE PROPHET. MUSLIMS BELIEVE THE FALSE
3 PROPHET IS JESUS.
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5 We have considered the Mahdi, the coming Islamic ‘savior’ who, in fact, could well be
6 the Biblical Antichrist. But what about the false prophet of Revelation 13?
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8 Rev. 13:11-18

9 **And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a**
10 **lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. [12] And he exercises all the authority of the first**
11 **beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship**
12 **the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. [13] And he performs great signs, so**
13 **that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of**
14 **men. [14] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which**
15 **it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on**
16 **the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has**
17 **come to life. [15] And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the**
18 **beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not**
19 **worship the image of the beast to be killed. [16] And he causes all, the small and the**
20 **great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a**
21 **mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, [17] and he provides that no one**
22 **should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of**
23 **the beast or the number of his name. [18] Here is wisdom. Let him who has**
24 **understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man;**
25 **and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.**
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27 The helper to the wicked Antichrist, according to this passage, is known as “another
28 beasts,” or “the false prophet.” This creature will assist Antichrist during the
29 Tribulation period, directing the world to worship the false Messiah and influencing the
30 world population by performing miracles. He has “two horns like a lamb” signifying
31 his attempt to portray himself as a loving, gentle and caring person. In reality, however,
32 he is NOT lamb but a dragon personality. Matthew 7:15 **“Beware of the false**
33 **prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.**
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35 This second personage will be given the license to kill all who refuse to worship the
36 Mahdi. Those who resist him will be slaughtered.
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38 While seeing the false prophet in a different light, Muslims for the most part believe this
39 false prophet will be no less a personage than Jesus Christ. They believe Jesus will
40 return to earth, holding onto the wings of two great angels. His job upon His return will

1 be to assist the Mahdi and He, Jesus, will be a radical Muslim. The world will see this
2 Jesus on His knees before the Mahdi. Television coverage of this Jesus' pilgrimage to
3 Mecca will be seen all over the world. Muslims believe this "Jesus" will lead all
4 Christians to reject all Biblical teaching about Himself. He will establish global
5 Shariah law. Christians all over the world will admit they were dead-wrong in their
6 Christian belief and on Judgment Day will be condemned eternally by Jesus Himself if
7 they have not converted to Islam. This Jesus, according to Muslim teaching, will "kill
8 the pigs," that is, destroy all non-Muslims. Coming to Earth on the back of a mule, this
9 Jesus will slaughter - finally - the Mahdi himself. Then Jesus will die and will be buried
10 next to Muhammad.

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12 There is no question this all is utter blasphemy and rebellion against God.

13
14 **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REVIVAL OF THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE? ISN'T**
15 **THAT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT ALL THESE YEARS?**

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17 Yes, and it so. But....WHAT was the old Roman Empire? The land of Eastern Rome,
18 with its headquarters in Constantinople - Istanbul - within 1000 years of the writing of
19 the New Testament was 60% Muslim. Note also Ezekiel's prophecy of the final attack
20 on Jerusalem:

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22 Ezekiel 38:1-7

23 **And the word of the Lord came to me saying, [2] "Son of man, set your face**
24 **toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and**
25 **prophecy against him, [3] and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against**
26 **you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. [4] "And I will turn you about,**
27 **and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses**
28 **and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and**
29 **shield, all of them wielding swords; [5] Persia, Ethiopia, and Put with them, all of**
30 **them with shield and helmet; [6] Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the**
31 **remote parts of the north with all its troops-- many peoples with you. [7] "Be**
32 **prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled**
33 **about you, and be a guard for them.**

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35 Persia - Iran! Ethiopia - northern tier nations of Africa. Put - is Libya. Gomer -
36 people north of the Black Sea. Togarmah - Armenia. All of these nations attacking
37 Israel are what? Islam!

1 Based on these facts, it is clear that multiplied millions of Muslims have NO CLUE who
2 Jesus really is. They have the right to know!

3 Sad to say, perhaps most Christians are sound asleep! They have no clue as to how
4 close we are to the return of Christ. Jesus warned us repeatedly to be on the WATCH!
5 We do not know the exact hour or day of our Lord's glorious return. But around the
6 globe, His followers should be asking:

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8 *Oh, Lord Jesus, how long? How long?*
9 *Til we hear the glad song:*
10 **CHRIST RETURNETH! CHRIST RETURNETH!**
11 *Hallelujah! Amen.*

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13 What Scripture teaches about THE FALL, THE COLLAPSE OF BABYLON:

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15 Rev. 18:1-24

16 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great
17 authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. [2] And he cried out with a
18 mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a
19 dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every
20 unclean and hateful bird. [3] "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the
21 passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of
22 immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the
23 wealth of her sensuality."

24 [4] And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people,
25 that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her
26 plagues; [5] for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered
27 her iniquities. [6] "Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double
28 according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.
29 [7] "To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same
30 degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen
31 and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.' [8] "For this reason in one day
32 her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned
33 up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong. [9] "And the kings of the
34 earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep
35 and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, [10] standing at a
36 distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city,
37 Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' [11] "And the
38 merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their
39 cargoes any more; [12] cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls
40 and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and

1 every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and
2 iron and marble, [13] and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and
3 frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep,
4 and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. [14] "And the fruit
5 you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid
6 have passed away from you and men will no longer find them. [15] "The merchants
7 of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the
8 fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, [16] saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city,
9 she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold
10 and precious stones and pearls; [17] for in one hour such great wealth has been laid
11 waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make
12 their living by the sea, stood at a distance, [18] and were crying out as they saw the
13 smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?' [19] "And they
14 threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying,
15 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her
16 wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' [20] "Rejoice over her, O heaven,
17 and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment
18 for you against her."

Heaven's Reaction To The Fall Of Babylon

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22 [21] And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into
23 the sea, saying, "Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence,
24 and will not be found any longer. [22] "And the sound of harpists and musicians
25 and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no
26 craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will
27 not be heard in you any longer; [23] and the light of a lamp will not shine in you
28 any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any
29 longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations
30 were deceived by your sorcery. [24] "And in her was found the blood of prophets
31 and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

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38 Next Wednesday night: Session 15 in this series will concern WHAT THE BIBLE
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